

—THAT I HAVE  
BEEN SO  
TROUBLED.

THIS IS  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME IN  
MY  
LIFE...

YES?

I HAD NO  
IDEA IT  
COULD BE  
SO VEXING.



YOU CAME TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT MY PROGRESS, BECAUSE YOU'RE ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF ZAIZEN WILL BEAT ME.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT YOU DID TODAY.

I DON'T CARE WHO WINS. IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! OF COURSE NOT!

I DIDN'T DO MUCH...

AYASE?

THEN WANDERED OFF TO AYASE AFTER THAT.

I GAZED OVER TOKYO FROM THE TOKYO TOWER OBSERVATION PLATFORM.

A PLACE  
WHOSE  
PROPERTY  
VALUE  
WOULD GO  
UP MANY  
TIMES IF  
RENOVATED.

I WAS SEEKING  
A TOWN IN  
TOKYO THAT  
HAS THE MOST  
GROWTH  
POTENTIAL.

I  
WANDERED  
AROUND  
UNTIL THE  
DAY WAS  
DONE.

SO I BOLDLY  
VENTURED  
FORTH, BUT  
TO NO AVAIL.

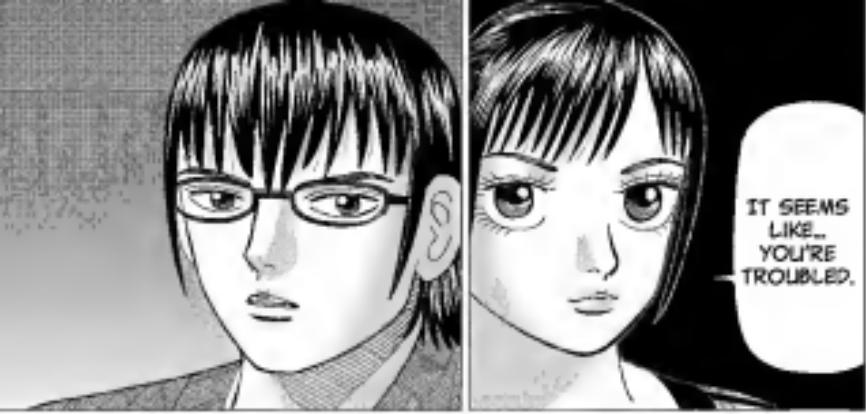
YOU  
MAKE YOUR  
DECISIONS  
BASED ON  
DATA AND  
NUMBERS.  
YOU'RE NOT  
SOUNDING  
LIKE  
YOURSELF.

YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
LOGICAL,  
MECHANICAL.

YOU  
SOUND  
DEFEATED.

HMM..

HUH?







...YOU  
DECIDED TO  
BUY THAT  
PROPERTY?

SO...

YOU  
SURE WERE  
LUCKY;  
LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
WIN THIS  
MATCH.

YES... I'VE  
BEEN ON A  
ROLL. I  
WANT TO  
WRAP IT UP  
WITH TWO  
WINS IN A  
ROW.

YES. IF I  
CAN BUY IT  
FOR 50  
MILLION  
WHEN IT'S  
VALUED AT  
70 MILLION,  
IT'S A NO-  
BRAINER.

COME  
WITH ME  
TOMORROW,  
AND YOU  
CAN.

I'D LIKE TO  
SEE THIS  
PROPERTY,  
TOO.

IF KOSURE-SAN COULD APPLY HIS WOODBLOCK ARTISTRY TO OTHER AREAS...



BUT IT WOULD BE AN INDIVIDUAL ENDEAVOR. IT WOULD NEVER BECOME A BIG BUSINESS WITHOUT SOME KIND OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING.

IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.



TAKASHI-KUN HAS ALREADY FOUND A PLACE.

OR ELSE I'M OUT.



I MUST CHOOSE A PROPERTY BY 4:00 P.M. TOMORROW.

IS MY  
BROTHER  
GONE  
ALREADY?



YES... HE  
LEFT AT  
6:30 A.M.



MY  
BROTHER'S  
IN A PANIC.

IF HE TOOK OFF  
THAT EARLY, THAT  
MEANS HE'S STILL  
LOOKING.















WILL THIS PLACE REALLY DO?

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT IT THAT DOUBTS ME

IT'S WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF SHINAGAWA. IT'S NOT BAD. IT'S CONVENIENT.





BUT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO  
SIMPLY MAKE  
THE RIGHT  
CHOICE?  
IS THAT ALL  
THERE IS  
TO IT?

THINKING  
LOGICALLY  
AND  
MECHANICALLY,  
BUYING THIS  
PROPERTY  
WOULD BE  
THE RIGHT  
CHOICE.



EVEN THOUGH  
I CAN'T QUITE  
PUT MY FINGER  
ON WHY I FEEL  
THE WAY I DO...

NO... I CAN'T  
SETTLE FOR  
CONVENTIONAL  
ANSWERS.



...I'VE BEEN  
SEARCHING  
FOR!

...MY GUT  
TELL ME  
THAT THIS IS  
NOT THE  
PLACE





IT'LL BE AFTER  
NOON BY THE  
TIME I GET  
THERE. I  
WONDER IF I'LL  
MAKE IT HOME  
BY 4:00 P.M.



I DON'T  
KNOW WHY,  
I'M GOING  
BACK TO  
AYASE, BUT  
I FEEL  
COMPELLED.



THAT'S  
ALL I  
CAN  
THINK OF  
RIGHT  
NOW!



I'M GOING  
THERE, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT!